1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vietnam	534	4430	—	4838	—	—
Cambodia	—	1981	—	2193	—	2675
Bangladesh	597	6296	696	7751	—	—
Sri Lanka	149	2776	136	2874	154	3046

Source: World Trade Organisation.

(c) and (d) In the liberalised trade regime, the growth of textiles sector can be achieved with (i) lower production cost on account of lower power & capital costs (ii) higher productivity of labour (iii) better port and transport facilities (iv) better supply chain management (v) flexible labour laws (vi) better exchange rate in terms of dollar and euro (vii) brand promotion (viii) big foreign investments, etc.

Scheme for unemployed textile workers due to rupee appreciation

414. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to frame a scheme, especially for textile workers, who lost their jobs due to slump inexports due to appreciation in rupee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) While there has been an impact on exports of textiles goods on account of the appreciation of the rupee as compared to the US dollar, this impact has been mainly felt in the privately owned garmenting sector. Some measures have been introduced to offset this impact. These measures, *inter-alia,* include (i) Increase in Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates by 3% for textiles (including handloom), readymade garments, handicrafts; (ii) Increase in duty drawback rates across product categories; and (iii) Reduction in pre and post shipment credit by 2%, and ECGC cover premium by 10 per cent. It is expected that the exporting units will take advantage of these incentives.

Relief package for handloom industry

415. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to provide relief package to handloom industry which is badly affected by rupee appreciation of nearly 20 per cent during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of relief provided, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to provide relief to exporters affected by the appreciation of rupee against the U.S. dollar, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has announced the Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) rates by hiking 3% in 9 identified sectors which includes textiles (including handlooms).

(c) Does not arise.